AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Docket No. Applicant(s): Ralf Krueger **LWEP:119US** Serial No. Filing Date Examiner **Group Art Unit** 0 1 2004 10/605,492 MAR 10/02/2003 N/A 2872 PHASE SHIFT METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING PHASE-CONTRAST OR MODULATION-CONTRAST OBSERVATION ON MICROSCOPES TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED CLAIMS REMAINING HIGHEST # NUMBER EXTRA ADDITIONAL RATE** AFTER AMENDMENT PREV. PAID FOR CLAIMS PRESENT FEE -**TOTAL CLAIMS** 20 \$18.00 9 X \$0.00 0|x\$86.00 INDEP. CLAIMS 4 4 \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 \$0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT No additional fee is required for amendment. X Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed A check in the amount of The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0822 Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. February 26, 2004 Dated: Signature C. Paul Maliszewski, P.E. Registration No. 51,990 certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **CUSTOMER NO. 24041** with the U.S. Postal Service as first Feb. 26, 2004 class mail under 37C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner Simpson & Simpson, PLLC for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, ALexandria, VA 22313-1450. 5555 Main Street Williamsville, NY 14221-5406

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Honorable Sir:

Please preliminary amend the above-identified application as follows: